



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

In March Peter Bolster and Bill Curtin joined the Board, each bringing many years of community experience.

Spring brought severe flooding resulting in full or partial closing of 33 roads with damage in excess of \$800,000. Our dedicated highway department personnel responded with an all out effort over the next weeks restoring each damaged section as quickly as possible. Afterwards the diligent administrative work of many personnel resulted in most costs being reimbursed by Federal and State government agencies.

The Beach Committee finished most of the work on the East Side beach and the Downtown Revitalization Committee celebrated significant achievements in the B&M Railroad Park. Both committees showed that small dedicated groups can achieve great things.

We approved our assessors plan to initiate a complete field measurement of all improved properties in Town over a three year period using part-time help. This will save us the large expense of a contracted town wide reassessment.

The Board approved the reconstruction of the 2.2 mile long Powder Mill Road using Town Highway Department equipment and personnel for much of the work. This followed a similar effort on the 2.8 mile long Avery Hill Road last year and is a continuation of a long term plan to reduce reconstruction costs per mile relative to contracting all the work out.

Search committees were successful in filling two critical department head positions with seasoned professionals. Sharon Penney, Town Planner and Philip Smith, Jr., Police Chief joined us in 2007.

The long term plan for expansion of the Solid Waste Center was refined and land clearing site work was in progress. Household Hazardous Waste Collection was made available for the first time at the Solid Waste Center. Two one-day collections resulted in large turn-outs.

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Respectfully submitted,

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